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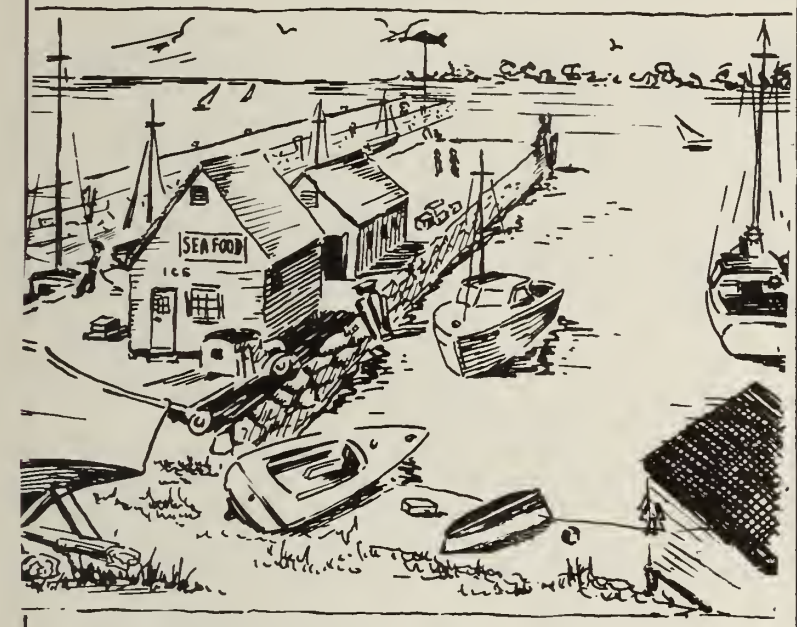

Now that Ezra Tweedle has promised us some spring sunshine, you can be sure life in Mattapoisett will be lived more out of doors. On May day, before the great rains came, we walked to the town wharf. Almost every boat was in the process of being readied for the water. Children, dogs, and parents were swarming all over the landscape. The place was humming with activity and it made you feel good to see the wharf really awake after the long winter.

The sailing, fishing, square dancing and swimming are all before us. We never tire of the wharf, as we feel that it is the very heart of the town. There is always action and something different there. Usually the work is close to the heart of the worker, which makes all work into play. The Sea Chest and the new short wharf really add to the appearance of the place. Everyone, whether working or just resting after a hard week, can't help but be renewed and refreshed in that good salt air amid a seascape that lives and breathes.

The bathing beach, too, was awake. A few of the more optimistic were lying on the beach and, believe it or not, one pioneer was in swimming. Peter Peck was our polar bear clubman. He swam for a long time and seemed to enjoy himself thoroughly. I have the picture to prove it. I felt of the water and it wasn't too bad--Brrrrr.

With a harbor like ours, every boy and nearly every man wishes for or has a boat. There is nothing on earth that gets rid of worries quite as fast as a day of sailing or fishing. It used to be that owning a

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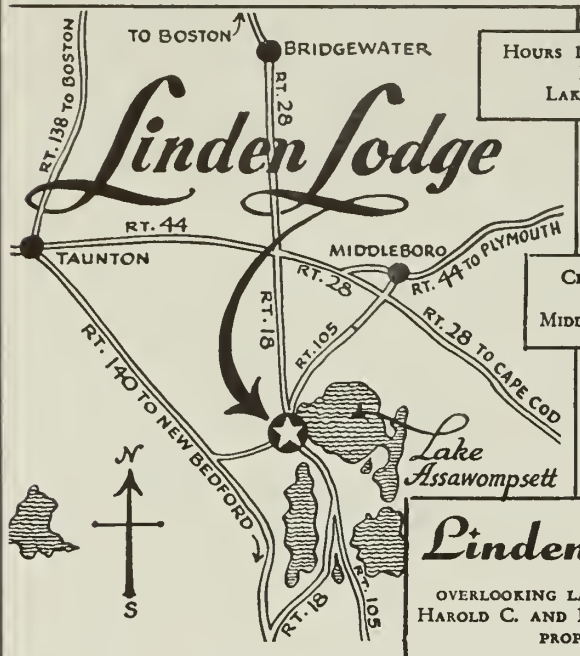

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This week I was invited to look at a 25 foot cruiser which is under construction. The gentleman, showing her off, was the co-builder. This was a tailor made boat and she was a real beauty. Her lines, and the curve of her bow, make her look like the work of art she is. Even on dry land you know she will be fast. The entire boat is solid mahogany, and the planking is so fitted and glued that the hull seems to be made of one solid piece of beautifully grained wood. She is now ready for her power plant that will make a living thing out of her hull. Only a few more finishing touches and she will be in the water.

Mr. Grant Faber, a professional boat builder, and his father, Mr. Eugene Faber, constructed this beauty. If you like boats and admire fine craftmanship, stop in at Marion Road and see her. Right not, you can see the skill and painstaking care up close so don't delay. Mr. Faber and his father are proud of her, as they certainly should be, and will be happy to show her off to you.

As you leave, you will notice the construction in the rear of the house. If you

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Yes, we certainly were busy last week. We had a swell assortment of girl's and ladies shorts and pedal pushers come in. Shortly after a terrific line of headwear for the entire family arrived. Then two different lines of packaged seeds had to be put away.

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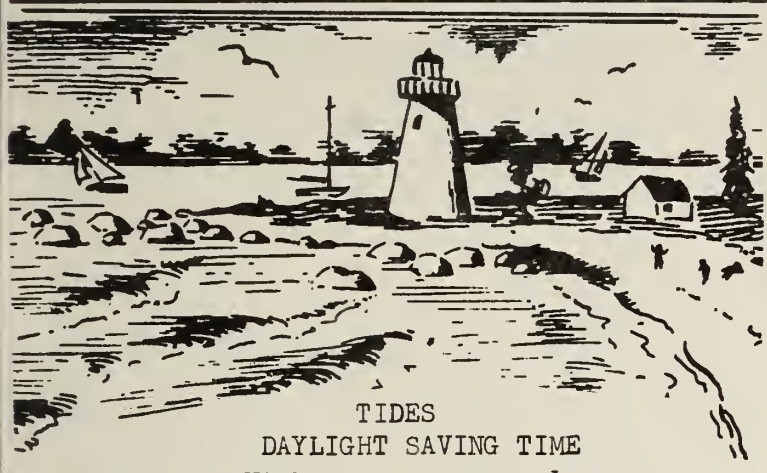

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25	1:40	2:15	8:06	8:32
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BROWNIES TO HAVE PLAY

The brownies are having a play around June. It's about a cobbler and his wife and elves and a few other things. The brownies would appreciate it if you tried to come. Mrs. Morgan said it depends on how much we practice. It will be at the end of May or around the beginning of June.

Pauline Valladoa

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Sprig id cum
Summer'd near
Hope I ged rid obmy code dis yere

The writer of the above modestly refuses to receive credit for his genius so with sincere regret we will call him Alex. He writes, "More anytime if you can stand it; but don't be afraid to chuck them, because I've had rejection slips as well as acceptances from better sheets than yours (no disrespect intended) as the saying goes." Just to prove he wasn't kidding he sent a rejection slip from the "Saturday Evening Post" and an acceptance slip from the "Rudder." We got a bang out of his letter and hope he sends more of the same. We reject absolutely nothing. We may not print it, but if it's free, we will take it in. Who knows when we will get desperate for material. No disrespect intended as the saying goes. Thanks Alex.

ACCEPTED IN HONOR SOCIETY

Patricia Ann Sylvia has been accepted in Pi Lambda Theta National Honor Society. The initiation and formal dinner will be held at the Statler Hotel in Boston on Saturday, May 22nd. She will graduate on Sunday, June 6th from the Boston University School of Education. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony J. Sylvia, River Rd.

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Refreshments were served by Mr. & Mrs. David W. Briggs, co-chairmen, assisted by Mr. & Mrs. Walter H. Apperson, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Donald Chase and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Chase.

Mr. Richard Chase conducted the business meeting.

IT'S A BOY!! for Bill Suzan; his mare, "Candy", gave birth to a foal at Field's Lying in Hospital on the Neck on Friday night. Cigars will be forthcoming.

Any further returns of tickets or money for the Woman's Club Play may be made to Mrs. Robert A. Bailey, Hammond St.

HORSE SHOW

There will be a horse show on Sunday, May 23rd at Sylvia's Ranch on North St. at 1 P. M. It will feature 21 events, and will be open to children and adults. There will be no admission, and refreshments and parking will be available. In case of rain, the show will be postponed until Sunday, May 30th.

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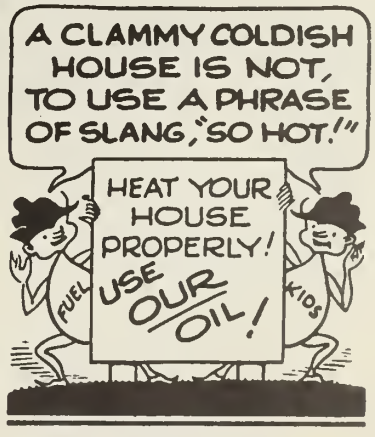

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We would like to complete a sentence unhappily cut off from last weeks news item on Reverand Damien J. Veary. " While in the service his entire tour was spent " IN THE MARINES. It was time well spent.and will be valuable experience with young people

RECOVERING FROM OPERATION

Mrs. William D. Hoyt of Prospect Rd. is recovering slowly from an operation.

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HEALTH IMPROVED

Mr. Lem Lanagan of River Rd. is showing improvement, and we hope that he is now on the way to good health.

BICYCLE FIELD DAY

The bicycle safety day will be held on Saturday, June 5th at the Center School grounds. This is an annual event sponsored by the Parent Teacher's Club and aided by Police Chief Alden S. Kinney. One feature this year will be a 10 mile bike race for the older children.

Chief Kinney said that a group of men from the police departments of several surrounding towns will be invited to serve as judges.

He also is looking forward to the usual support in prizes and money from the merchants of the town. Will anyone with contributions kindly send them to the Chief or leave them for him at "Volkommen Card Shop on Church St. They will be appreciated very much.

WELCOME TO MATTAPOISETT

Mr. & Mrs. Roland C. Shaw, formerly of Chestnut St., New Bedford, have moved into their new home on Church St. Mr. Manuel C. Linhares completed its construction recently. We welcome them to our town, and their arrival proves that the younger generation can't resist our environment.

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CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY

Douglas Turner, son of Mr. & Mrs. David H. Turner of Church St., celebrated his fourth birthday on Monday, May 10th. On hand to help Douglas celebrate were his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Harry P. Judson, and his cousin, Mrs. James Wright and son, Steven, all of Pawtucket, R. I.

WELCOME TO MATTAPOISETT

We wish to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Jason Randall to Mattapoisett. Mr. Randall, a Coast Guard officer, is serving as Executive Officer on the Coast Guard Cutter, Frederick Lee. They and their 15 months old son are living on Fairhaven Road. We hope they will be with us for a long time and that they will enjoy living in Mattapoisett.

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The running of a shipyard was an undertaking requiring a great deal of shrewdness, judgment, and business acumen. Not only did the shipbuilder need a complete knowledge of ship construction, and the vagaries of different kinds of timber, but he also handled 50 or 60 men - all of whom had to be good. He had to be able to calculate up into tens of thousands of dollars on a job involving all sorts of material - timber, iron, oakum, lead, paint, spars, canvass, cordage, and varnish. He had to keep his eye on the general financial condition of the nation, for shipbuilding is always the first industry that depression brings to a standstill. He had to keep in touch with all sorts of new appliances and size up their true worth at short notice. And above all he had to be a shrewd man at finances and keeping costs down, for an additional few hundred dollars in costs would come near to putting him out of business.

In the early days, money was a rare commodity, and in order to enable himself to pay his men, every shipbuilder ran a store in connection with his yard. The former Anchorage Gift Shop was such a store. Built by Barstow & Holmes in 1820, the store originally stood on Water St. It was owned and operated by Captain Martin Snow. Later it was moved by Captain Thomas Luce to the Anchorage lot, and was used as a cobbler's shop for years. Mr. & Mrs. Barrows, owners of the Anchorage, made the building into a gift shop, until both the Gift Shop and the Anchorage were destroyed in the 1938 hurricane.

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RED SOX AT HOME		RED SOX AWAY	
MAY		MAY	
6	Detroit	11	* Chicago
7	* Washington	12	Chicago
8	Washington	13	* Baltimore
9	(2) Washington	14	* Baltimore
28	* New York	15	Baltimore
29	New York	16	(2) Detroit
30	New York	17	Detroit
31	(2) Philadelphia	18	* Cleveland
JUNE		19	Cleveland
2	* Chicago	21	* New York
3	Chicago	22	New York
4	Chicago	23	New York
5	* Detroit	25	* Philadelphia
6	Detroit	26	* Philadelphia
7	Detroit	JUNE	
8	* Baltimore	15	* Detroit
9	Baltimore	16	Detroit
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11	* Cleveland	18	* Cleveland
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13	Cleveland	20	(2) Cleveland
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		25	* Chicago
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		27	(2) Chicago

* Night Game

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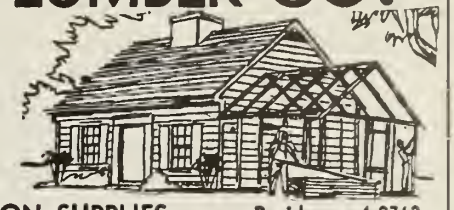

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 1 & 2, 1954

Article 37. Voted that the following be added to the Town By-Laws:-

1) Disapproved by the Attorney General.

2) The Water Commissioners shall insure that all extensions of Water Mains on private property are installed in accordance with accepted standards prescribed by them, and that the entire expense of any such extensions on private property shall be borne by the owner.
This By-Law to become effective January 1, 1955 Yes 124, No 6.

3) No person shall remove nor cause to be removed any soil, loam, sand or gravel for commercial purpose from any land in the town not in public use, unless such removal is authorized by a permit issued by the Selectmen except in conjunction with and for the purpose of, the construction of a building on the parcel and except for the continued operation on the same parcel of any existing sand or gravel or clay pit. No such permit shall be issued until an application therefor is filed with said Board. Said Board shall hold a public hearing on the application and notice of the filing of such an application and the date and time of the public hearing thereon shall be advertised in the (New Bedford Standard-Times) newspaper seven days at least before the public hearing.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this By-Law shall, for the first offense, pay a fine of $50.00; for the second offense, $100.00; and for each subsequent offense, $200.00. Yes 142, No 0

Attested,

Joseph H. Magilton
TOWN CLERK

Boston, Mass., April 23, 1954
The foregoing by-laws are hereby approved with the exception of paragraph 1) which is hereby disapproved.

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other. Only rarely did the shipbuilder owe his men any cash.

The building of each ship called for an elaborate contract specifying each item in great detail. From the nails in the hull to the varnish on the topmast, not a thing was left understood, and any change of these sacred decisions required weighty deliberation. For instance, in the spring of 1856 Josiah Holmes, Jr. & Brother were building the Bark Sunbeam for J. & W. R. Wing of New Bedford. Everything had, of course, been definitely stated, but the builder wanted to move the mizzenmast further forward. The following is the reply of the Wing firm:

"Messrs. J. Holmes, Jr. & Brother--

On thinking the matter over concerning the mizzenmast, we have concluded and consented to have it moved one foot farther forward and no more - so says Abner, and we agree with him in the matter."

In the voluminous correspondence that the shipbuilding industry entailed, a foreign note now and then intrudes, as in this letter from one of Josiah Holmes, Jr.'s Quaker business associates:

New Bedford
March 20, 1856

Friend Josiah--

I send thee, perhaps at the eleventh hour, my very low terms for the spar job you mentioned about.

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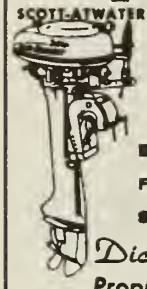

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